

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 760
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

ALLOPATHIC DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL STAFF IN INDIA

760 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of registered allopathic doctors in the country and the doctor to population ratio;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of doctors; and
- (c) the total number of other medical staff available in the country, category-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c): As per information available, there are 13,01,319 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on November, 2021. The doctor-population ratio is 1:834 in the country assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors. Further, there are 2.89 lakh registered dentists, 33.41 lakh registered nursing personnel and 13 lakh Allied and Healthcare Professionals in the country.

The numbers of PG seats have increased by 93% from 31,185 seats before 2014 to 60,202 seats including DNB and CPS seats. The number of UG seats have increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 89,875 seats as of date which is an increase of 75%.

The Government has taken following steps to further increase the availability of doctors in the country:

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved and 70 are already functional.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- iii. Central Sector Scheme for upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks. A total of 75 projects have been approved and 55 have been completed.
- iv. Under Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 AIIMS.
- v. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- vi. Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- vii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- viii. The ratio of teachers to students has been rationalized to increase the number of postgraduate medical seats in the country.
